

JANUARY 2022 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round. Purchase day passes: \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machine in lots or use the YODEL parking app. Free WiFi (*MassIT-Public*) at the Visitor Center. NO CASH SALES. Massachusetts annual and senior passes must be purchased in advance through the DCR website. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking space availability. Parking is first come, first served.

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid). **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.** Dress for the weather. Water suggested for woods programs.

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations. To make group visitation contact: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.

During warm weather and holidays, the park closes frequently, for several hours to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate)

Daily
10:00am-4:00
pm

Visitor Center

Thoreau Exhibits and Art Gallery

Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through our interpretive exhibits. Visit the Gallery for paintings featuring the exploits of Henry David Thoreau by Donna Marie Prybojewski. The Ken Burns film *Walden* is currently unavailable for viewing.

Sundays
January
2, 16, 23, 30
&
Mondays
January
3, 24, 31

Thoreau's Stay at Walden

Replica - all ages

10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am

10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived a "deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.

Tuesdays,
Wednesdays
& Thursdays
in January

Thoreau's Night in Jail

Replica - all ages

10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am

10 minute overview about Thoreau's night in jail for not paying his taxes, an expression of his anti-slavery views.

Fridays
in January
&
Saturdays
January
8, 15, 22, 29

Walden's Former Inhabitants

Replica - all ages

10:00-11:30am

In his book *Walden*, Henry David Thoreau wrote about the disenfranchised and formerly enslaved people who lived along the Walden road, before he built his house at the pond. Drop by the Thoreau house replica to learn from a Park Interpreter about the lesser known residents of Walden.

Winter Tree Identification

Meet at the Visitor Center - all ages

1:00-2:00pm

Join a Park Interpreter for an introduction to winter tree identification at Walden Pond. We will head out on the trail to examine characteristics such as growth form and bark patterns of our native tree species. Dress for the weather in warm clothing and appropriate footwear.



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Saturday
January 1

First Day 2022!

Ring in the new year with a self-guided hike at Walden Pond. Maps and information for suggested routes available at the visitor center.

Meet Henry David Thoreau on New Years Day 1847

Replica open house - all ages
12:00-2:00 pm

Drop by the Thoreau house replica to meet Henry David Thoreau, portrayed by historian Richard Smith as he celebrates New Year's Day 1847 at Walden Pond.

Monday
January 17

Civil Disobedience Walk

Meet at the replica - best for ages 8+
1:00-2:00 pm

Join historian Richard Smith and Nikki Turpin from the Robbins House at the Thoreau house replica near the main parking lot for a conversation about Thoreau's night in jail. Thoreau's arrest for non-payment of taxes as a protest against slavery laid ground for his essay *Civil Disobedience*. Martin Luther King Jr., Mohandas Gandhi, and many activists read and found inspiration for their work in Thoreau's essay.

Continue the conversation about civil disobedience historic and present day, on a half-mile guided walk along Walden's accessible trail to the Thoreau house site.

Both New Years Day 1847 and Civil Disobedience programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of Walden Pond, an activity of the Walden Woods Project,
www.walden.org



More self-guided opportunities: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

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coming events